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Credentials of representatives to the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Mr. Mohammed **Atlassi** (Morocco)

1. On 20 June 2016, the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, on the proposal of the President, a credentials committee consisting of the following nine States parties: Bulgaria, Ecuador, Gabon, Guatemala, Morocco, Nepal, the State of Palestine, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 22 and 23 June 2016, and elected Mohammed Atlassi (Morocco) as Chair and Lowri Mai Griffiths (United Kingdom) as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

3. The Committee had before it memorandums by the Secretariat, dated 22 and 23 June 2016, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the twenty-sixth Meeting.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of 22 June 2016, as supplemented by the memorandum of 23 June 2016, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 85 States parties participating in the twenty-sixth Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri

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Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of 22 June 2016, as supplemented by the memorandum of 23 June 2016, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-sixth Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 42 States parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Chile, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Iraq, Jordan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zambia.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of 22 June 2016, information concerning the appointment of representatives had also been received from the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

7. The Chair proposed that the Committee should accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandums by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of 22 June 2016, as supplemented by the memorandum of 23 June 2016, would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chair for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandums of the Secretariat dated 22 and 23 June 2016,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee should recommend to the twenty-sixth Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twenty-sixth Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twenty-sixth Meeting the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-sixth Meeting will continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-sixth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure.